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| Application Number     | 09/257,208         |
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| First Named Inventor   | Dryer, Christopher |
| Art Unit               | 2174               |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application  
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## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

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i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Other Excess Claims Fee

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